

REMARKS

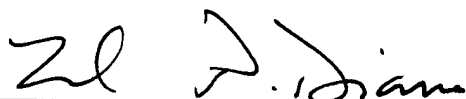
Claims 19-28, 31-34, 37-40, 42-45, 47-50 and 52-67 are pending in this application, and have previously been allowed. Claims have been amended to change "image" to --image data-- throughout. Claims 69-76 have been added.

In addition, the inventorship has ben amended to delete one inventor, Mr. Takahiro Oshino, because he did not contribute to any of the claims remaining in this application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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